



FEDERAL FISH AND WILDLIFE LICENSE/PERMIT APPLICATION FORM

RETURN TO:

Office of Management Authority
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Room 700
Arlington, VA 22203
1-800-358-2104 or 703-358-2104

Type of Activity:

**EXPORT/IMPORT/INTERSTATE AND FOREIGN
COMMERCE OF PLANTS**
(*ESA and/or CITES*)

A. COMPLETE IF APPLYING AS AN INDIVIDUAL			
1. Name:			
2. Street address:			3. County:
4. City, State, Zip code:			
5. Date of birth:	6. Social Security No.:	7. Occupation:	
8. List any business, agency, organizational, or institutional affiliation associated with the wildlife to be covered by this license or permit:			
9. Home telephone number:	10. Work telephone number:	11. Fax number:	12. E:mail address:

B. COMPLETE IF APPLYING AS A BUSINESS, CORPORATION, PUBLIC AGENCY OR INSTITUTION			
1. Name of business, agency or institution:			2. Tax identification no.:
3. Street address:			4. County:
5. City, State, Zip code:			
6. Describe the type of business, agency, or institution:			
7. Name and title of person responsible for permit (president, principal officer, director, etc.):			
8. Home telephone number:	9. Work telephone number:	10. Fax number:	11. E:mail address:

C. ALL APPLICANTS COMPLETE	
1. Do you currently have or have you had any Federal Fish and Wildlife License or Permit? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, list license or permit numbers:	
2. Have you obtained any required state or foreign government approval to conduct the activity you propose? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not required <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, provide a copy of the license or permit.	
3. Enclose check or money order payable to the U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE in the amount of \$25. Institutions which qualify under 50 CFR 13.11(d)(3) may be exempt from fees.	
4. ATTACHMENTS: Complete the additional pages of this application. Application will not be considered complete without these pages. Incomplete applications may be returned.	
5. CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify that I have read and am familiar with the regulations contained in Title 50, Part 13, of the Code of Federal Regulations and the other applicable parts in subchapter B of Chapter I of Title 50, and I further certify that the information submitted in this application for a license or permit is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that any false statement herein may subject me to the criminal penalties of 18 U.S.C. 1001.	
6. Signature (in ink) of applicant or person responsible for permit in Block A or B	7. Date:

D. EXPORT/IMPORT/INTERSTATE AND FOREIGN COMMERCE OF PLANTS (*ESA and/or CITES*)

Please provide the following information on a separate sheet of paper:

1. For EACH species: (a) common and scientific names, (b) quantity, (c) general size of plant, and (d) form (e.g., seed, whole plant, etc.).
2. For plants **taken from the wild**, provide:
 - a. Specific location; date of collection; name and address of collector; and purpose of removal and length of time held.
 - b. Copies of documents to show the plants were legally collected (e.g., State permits, landowner's permission, etc.).
 - c. What efforts have you made to utilize artificially propagated specimens in lieu of taking plants from the wild?
 - d. If you purchased the plants, provide the invoice or other document that shows the name, address and telephone number of the person from whom you purchased the plants and date of purchase. If a specimen was not directly obtained from the collector, document the history of multiple transactions. *Be sure to correlate documents with each plant.*
 - e. If known, indicate the approximate density (i.e., number of plants per acre) of a particular population from which the specimens were collected.
3. **For artificially propagated plants**, provide:
 - a. A statement from the propagator, sworn affidavits or other evidence that the specimen was artificially propagated.
 - b. If a specimen was not artificially propagated at your facility, provide the invoice or other document that shows the name, address and telephone number of the person from whom you purchased the plant and date of purchase. If the specimen was not directly obtained from the propagator, document the history of multiple transactions. *Be sure to correlate documents with each plant.*
4. A full statement justifying the permit including the details of the activities:
 - a. State the purpose of your proposed activity. If your purpose is for scientific research, attach a copy of your research proposal which outlines the purpose, objectives, methods (i.e., include specific information on survey/collection methods, sampling regime, etc.), and whether similar work has already been done or is currently being done.
 - b. Description of the technical expertise of each person as it relates to the proposed activities.
 - c. Copies of contracts or agreements or other permits that identify persons involved and dates of activities for which the permit is sought.
 - d. A statement of how the activities will enhance or benefit the propagation or survival of the species in the wild (e.g., organized propagation program, etc.).
5. If the **live plants** to be covered by permit are to be held in captivity or propagated:
 - a. Approximate number of specimens you currently maintain.
 - b. Description of your method of propagation (e.g., seed, cutting, mericlone, etc.), photographs of your facilities, and a description of the conditions under which your plants are grown.
 - c. A description of your background and expertise in working with this or similar species, including (i) the number of years each species has been maintained and (ii) a list of the numbers successful propagated annually.
 - d. A copy of your State or U.S. Department of Agriculture nursery licenses and permits, as appropriate.
6. A statement of whether you are willing to cooperate in a propagation program and maintain or contribute data regarding propagation success.
7. **If import or export:**
 - a. Copy of any foreign permits (for CITES Appendix-I plants provide a copy of import permit or evidence one will be issued). If plant is to be taken from the wild, provide documentation from the foreign government approving the action.
 - b. For CITES species, describe: (i) the type, size, and construction of shipping containers and (ii) the arrangements for watering and caring for the specimens during transportation.
 - c. For import of CITES Appendix-I specimens, provide information to show the import is not for primarily commercial purposes as outlined in Resolution Conf. 5.10 (copy enclosed).

What You Need to Know...About the U.S. Endangered Species Act

The U.S. Endangered Species Act (Act) was passed to prevent the extinction of native and foreign animals and plants by providing measures to help alleviate the loss of species and their habitats. With some exceptions, the Act prohibits activities with these protected species unless authorized by a permit from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service).

An "endangered species" is an animal or plant listed by regulation as being in danger of extinction. A "threatened species" is any animal or plant which is likely to become endangered in the near future.

What Activities Are Prohibited? Without a permit, it is unlawful to import or export; deliver, receive, carry, transport, or ship in interstate or foreign commerce in the course of a commercial activity; sell or offer for sale in interstate or foreign commerce; take (includes harm, harass, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect any wildlife within the United States); take on the high seas; possess, ship, deliver, carry, transport, sell, or receive unlawfully taken wildlife; remove and reduce to possession any plant from areas under Federal jurisdiction; maliciously damage or destroy an endangered plant on areas under Federal jurisdiction; and remove, cut, dig up, or damage or destroy any endangered plant in knowing violation of any State law or regulation or in violation of a State criminal trespass law.

The prohibitions apply equally to live or dead animals or plants, their progeny (seeds in the case of plants), and parts or products derived from them.

What Are the Different Types of Permits?

Endangered species permits may be issued for the following activities: scientific research; enhancement of propagation or survival of the species, including conservation education for living wildlife; incidental taking; and economic hardship situations.

Threatened species permits may be issued for all the activities listed above, as well as: zoological, horticultural, or botanical exhibition; educational; and special purposes consistent with the Act.

Captive-bred wildlife permits may be issued to a person registered with the Service to buy and sell within the United States live, non-native endangered or threatened animals which were captive born in the United States for enhancement of species propagation, provided the other person is registered for the same species. A separate permit is needed to import or export such species. See Office of Management Authority (OMA) Captive-bred Wildlife Registration fact sheet.

Pets. Permits are not issued to keep or breed endangered or threatened animals as pets. Using protected species as pets is not consistent with the purposes of the Act, which is aimed at conservation of the species and recovery of wild populations.

Where Do I Apply for a Permit? Permit applications and instructions may be obtained from OMA. An application processing fee is required, and applicants should allow at least 90 days for processing. Permit applications for incidental takes, interstate commerce or take of native species are processed by the Regional Offices -- contact OMA for addresses.

What Situations Are Exempt from the Prohibitions of the Act?

Pre-Act. Species held in captivity or in a controlled environment on (a) December 28, 1973, or (b) the date of publication in the *Federal Register* for final listing, whichever is later, are exempt from prohibitions of the Act, provided such holding or any subsequent holding or use of the specimen was not in the course of a commercial activity (any activity that is intended for profit or gain). An affidavit and supporting material documenting pre-Act status must accompany the shipment of listed species. A pre-Act exemption does not apply to wildlife, including parts and products, offered for sale. Any endangered or threatened specimens born in captivity from pre-Act parents are fully protected and are not considered pre-Act.

Antiques. Antiques, including scrimshaw, can be imported into the United States if accompanied by documentation that shows the article is at least 100 years old and has not been repaired or modified with any part of an endangered or threatened species since December 28, 1973. Such antiques must enter through a U.S. Customs Service port. If the antique contains a species listed under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES), the shipment must be accompanied by a Pre-Convention Certificate.

Special Rules. If a species is listed as threatened or as an experimental population, special rules designated to cover unique situations may allow otherwise prohibited activities. Some species covered by special rules include several primates, African elephant, American alligator, Nile crocodile, and leopard.

Intrastate Commerce. Commercial activities involving legally acquired endangered or threatened species that take place entirely within one State by residents are not prohibited by the Act. However, many States have their own laws which regulate activities involving protected species. Contact the appropriate State agency before undertaking activities involving endangered or threatened wildlife and plants.

Offer for Sale. Endangered and threatened species may be advertised for sale provided the advertisement states that no sale may be consummated until a permit has been obtained from the Service.

Loans and Gifts. Lawfully taken and held endangered and threatened species may be shipped interstate as a *bona fide* gift or loan if there is no barter, credit, other form of compensation, or intent to profit or gain. A standard breeding loan, where no money or other consideration changes hands but some offspring are returned to the lender of a breeding animal, is not considered a commercial activity and, thus, is not prohibited by the Act and does not require a permit. Documentation of such an activity should accompany shipment.

Hybrids. Hybrids are offspring of animals or plants where each parent is from a different species/ subspecies and where at least one parent is listed under the Act. Hybrid offspring of animals bred or propagated in captivity are not protected by the Act. It is recommended that breeding records be maintained to show parentage and hybrid status. Other laws such as the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA) and CITES consider hybrids protected.

Raptors. Prohibitions under the Act do not apply to any endangered or threatened raptors (except the bald eagle) legally held in captivity since November 10, 1978, or to any progeny provided they are possessed and banded under the terms of a MBTA permit and are identified in the earliest annual report required by permit.

Seeds from Artificially Propagated Threatened Plants. No permits are required for prohibited activities for seeds from artificially propagated specimens of threatened plants. However, seeds must be accompanied by a label stating that they are of cultivated origin.

What Other Office Issues Permits for Aquatic Species? The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) has jurisdiction over certain listed aquatic species, including marine species such as whales and seals. NMFS has jurisdiction for sea turtles while in the water and the Service for sea turtles while on land.

What Other Laws Apply? Depending on the species involved, other requirements may need to be met under CITES, the MBTA, the Eagle Protection Act, the Wild Bird Conservation Act, the Marine Mammal Protection Act, and the Lacey Act.



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What You Need to Know...About CITES Permits and Certificates

What Is CITES and How Does It Apply to Me? The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) protects many species of animals and plants to ensure that commercial demand does not threaten their survival in the wild. It regulates trade in listed species and hybrids, including parts and products, through a system of permits. The Office of Management Authority administers CITES in the United States and processes applications for permits. Under CITES, a species is listed at one of three levels of protection, which have different permit requirements.

Appendix I -- Appendix I includes species presently threatened with extinction that are or may be affected by trade. CITES directs its most stringent controls at activities involving these species. A shipment requires two permits -- one from the importing country (obtained first) and another from the exporting country. Import permits may be granted when the purpose of the import will not be detrimental to the species' survival, is not primarily commercial, and the importer is suitably equipped to house and care for live animals and plants. Export permits may be granted when the export will not be detrimental to the species' survival and specimens were legally acquired. Import permits are valid for 1 year, export permits for 6 months.

Appendix II -- Appendix II species are not presently threatened with extinction but may become so if not regulated. CITES does not require import permits, but each shipment must be accompanied by a permit issued by the exporting country's Management Authority. Export permits may be issued for any purpose as long as the export will not be detrimental to the species' survival and the specimens were legally acquired. Export permits are valid for 6 months.

Appendix III -- Appendix III includes species listed by a range country to obtain international cooperation in controlling trade. An export permit is needed to ship specimens originating in a country that listed the species. A certificate of origin would need to be issued by a country other than the listing country when the specimen originated in that country.

Re-export -- Re-export certificates are required for the export of specimens that were previously imported, including items subsequently converted to manufactured goods. Certificates may be issued when evidence of legal import has been provided. If you were the original importer of the wildlife or plant, you need to provide a copy of the canceled CITES permit that accompanied the shipment into the United States and, for animal specimens, the cleared Declaration for Importation (Form 3-177) for that shipment. If you were not the importer, you must provide copies of the importer's documents, as well as documents (e.g., invoices) that show you purchased the wildlife or plant from the original importer, or a record of multiple transactions.

Introduction from the Sea -- An introduction from the sea permit is required for the import of Appendix I or II specimens taken in the marine environment but not under the jurisdiction of any country or state.

Certificates of Exemption

Pre-Convention Certificate: If a specimen was obtained prior to the CITES listing date of that species -- collected from the wild or held in captivity -- it may be granted a pre-Convention certificate. For Appendix I specimens, no CITES import permit is required.

Bred-in-Captivity Certificate or Certificate for Artificially Propagated Plants: If a species meets the criteria for bred-in-captivity or artificially propagated as outlined in CITES resolutions, the exporting country may issue an exemption certificate (bred-in-captivity fact sheet available on request).

Scientific Exchange Certificate: Scientific institutions are eligible for this certificate, which authorizes import and export of museum and herbarium specimens. Such specimens must be shipped as non-commercial loans, donations, or exchanges among scientific institutions registered with CITES.

What About Shipping Live Animals and Plants? Permits for the shipment of CITES-listed live animals or plants may be issued only when the applicant demonstrates that the specimen will be humanely shipped. Live

animal shipments must meet the International Air Transport Association (IATA) Live Animals Regulations or the CITES guidelines for transport. In addition, the import of live mammals and birds must meet the humane shipment regulations in 50 CFR Part 14.

Exceptions to Permit Requirements

In-transit Shipments: Under CITES, a shipment transiting a country must be accompanied by a CITES permit from the exporting country to its final destination. The shipment must remain under Customs bond. Check with other countries involved in the shipment to meet their requirements.

United States: CITES imposes no controls on shipments between States or U.S. territories, including the District of Columbia, Guam, Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, U.S. Virgin Islands, and American Samoa.

Personal or Household Effects: The United States recognizes an exemption found in the CITES treaty that allows for certain personal or household effects to be exported and imported without CITES permits. Wildlife and plants, or their parts and products, that are part of a household move or are accompanying the owner and intended for personal use may be:

- * exported from the United States without CITES permits (check with the Management Authority in the country of import since many countries require an export permit, especially for Appendix I or live specimens) and
- * imported without CITES permits, provided the foreign country does not require a CITES permit. Appendix I species acquired abroad may not be imported into the United States without CITES permits.

Foreign Documentation -- If you are importing protected wildlife or plants, or their parts and products, from a country that is not a Party to CITES, you must obtain documents that contain all the information normally required by CITES. Contact the Office of Management Authority for documentation requirements and the address of the authority to contact in a non-CITES country.

How Do I Apply for a CITES Permit or Certificate? Complete a standard application form (3-200) and submit it with a \$25 processing fee to the Office of Management Authority. Allow at least 60 days for review. Also contact your State wildlife or plant conservation agency and the CITES Management Authority of the foreign importing or exporting country to determine any additional requirements. Some CITES-listed species are also protected by other U.S. laws with more stringent permit requirements, i.e., Endangered Species Act, Marine Mammal Protection Act, and Wild Bird Conservation Act. Contact the Office of Management Authority for additional information.



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PERMIT APPLICATION FORM INSTRUCTIONS

The following instructions pertain to the standard License/Permit Form 3-200 that must be completed as an application for a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service permit. Please read the General Permit Procedures (50 CFR 13) sent with this package.

- * Complete all appropriate blocks/lines. Print clearly or type in the information. *A complete application prevents delays!*
- * Sign the application *in ink* and send an *original* to the address on the top of the application. Faxed copies will not be accepted.
- * Applications will be processed in the order they are received.

Most of the application form is self-explanatory, but the following provides some further assistance for completing the form.

COMPLETE EITHER BLOCK A OR BLOCK B:

- Block A. **"Complete if applying as an individual"** - Enter the complete name of the responsible party who will be the permittee if a permit is issued. Enter personal information that identifies the applicant. All blocks must be completed. If you are applying on behalf of a client, the personal information must pertain to the client. A notarized document stating power of attorney must be included with the application.
- Block B. **"Complete if applying as a business, corporation, public agency or institution"** - Enter the complete name and address of the business, agency or institution who will be the permittee if a permit is issued. Give a brief description of the type of business the applicant is engaged in, the name and phone number of the person in charge, and if the company is incorporated, the state in which it was incorporated.

ALL APPLICANTS COMPLETE BLOCK C:

- Block C.1 **"Do you currently have or have had any Federal Fish and Wildlife license or permits?"** - List the number of any FWS or CITES permits. If applying for a renewal, the original permit must be returned with this application.
- Block C.2 **"Have you obtained any required state or foreign government approval to conduct the activity you propose?"** - If the proposed activity is regulated, check the appropriate box. If "yes", list the State or foreign countries involved and type of document required. Include a copy of these documents with the application. If "no" indicate what steps you have taken to secure approval (use attachment if necessary). If the proposed activity is not regulated check "not required".
- Block C.3 **"Check or money order (if applicable)"** - There is a permit processing fee unless you are fee exempt. Consult the enclosed APPLICATION PROCESSING FEE SCHEDULE information. Make the check or money order payable to the **U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service** and attach it to the application form. If fee exempt, write "exempt" in this space.
- Block C.4 **"Attachments"** - Consult the fact sheet or regulation. Provide any required additional information outlined on the supplemental page(s) of the application form. Be as complete and descriptive as possible. If there is any doubt as to the information's relevance, include it with the application. An incomplete or unclear application may cause delays in processing.
- Block C.5 **"CERTIFICATION"** - The **individual applicant in Block A, the person named in Block B, or person with power of attorney must sign and date** the application in ink. This signature binds that person to the statement of certification. This means that you certify that you read and understood the regulations that apply to the permit. You also certify that everything included in the application is true to the best of your knowledge. Be sure to read the statement and re-read the application before signing.

Application for a Federal Fish and Wildlife License/Permit

PRIVACY ACT - NOTICE

In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a), please be advised that:

The gathering of information on fish and wildlife is authorized by: (a) Bald Eagle Protection Act (16 U.S.C. 663a); (b) Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1539); (c) Migratory Bird Treaty Act (16 U.S.C. 703-711); (d) Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. 1371-1383); (e) Wild Bird Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 4901-4916); (f) Lacey Act (18 U.S.C. 42 & 44); and (g) Title 50, Part 13, of the Code of Federal Regulations.

Submission of requested information is required in order to process applications for licenses or permits authorized under the above acts. With the exception of your social security number, failure to provide all requested information will be sufficient cause for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to deny a permit.

Applications for license or permits authorized under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1539) and the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. 1371-1383) will be published in the **Federal Register** as required by the two acts.

In the event a violation of a statute, regulations, rule, order, or license, whether civil, criminal, or regulatory in nature is discovered during the application review process, the requested information may be transferred to the appropriate Federal, State, local, or foreign agency charged with investigating or prosecuting such violations.

In the event of litigation involving the records or the subject matter of the records, the requested information may be transferred to the U.S. Department of Justice or appropriate law enforcement authorities.

Information provided in the application may be disclosed to subject matter experts, and State and other Federal agencies, for the sole purpose of obtaining advice relevant to issuance of the permit.

For individuals, personal information such as home address and telephone number, financial data, and personal identifiers (social security number, birth date, etc.) will be removed prior to any release of the application.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT - NOTICE

For organizations, businesses, or individuals operating as a business (i.e., permittees not covered by the Privacy Act), we request that you identify any information that should be considered privileged and confidential business information to allow the Service to meet its responsibilities under FOIA. Confidential business information must be clearly marked "Business Confidential" at the top of the letter or page and each succeeding page, and must be accompanied by a nonconfidential summary of the confidential information. The nonconfidential summary and remaining documents may be made available to the public under FOIA [43 CFR 2.13(c)(4), 43 CFR 2.15(d)(1)(i)].

APPLICATION PROCESSING FEE

The fee to process a permit application is \$25.00. Checks should be made payable to "U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service". The fee applies to permit applications, renewals, and amendments. The processing fees shall not be refunded if the permit is issued or denied, or if the application is abandoned.

The fee schedule does not apply to any Federal, State, or local government agency or individual or institution under contract to such agency for the proposed activities. Until further notice, the fee will be waived for public institutions. As defined in CFR 10.12 - "Public as used in referring to museums, zoological parks, and scientific or educational institutions, refers to such as are open to the general public and are either established, maintained, and operated as a governmental service or are privately owned and organized, but not operated for a profit."

CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES
OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA

Fifth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties
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RESOLUTION OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

Conf. 5.10

Definition of "Primarily Commercial Purposes"

OBSERVING that under Article III, paragraphs 3(c) and 5(c), of the Convention, a permit for the import or a certificate for the introduction from the sea of specimens of Appendix-I species may be issued only if certain conditions are met, including that the Management Authority of the state of import (or introduction from the sea) is satisfied that the specimens are not to be used for primarily commercial purposes;

RECOGNIZING that because the Convention does not define the terms "primarily commercial purposes", "commercial purposes" in paragraph 4 of Article VII, or "non-commercial" in paragraph 6 of Article VII, the term "primarily commercial purposes" (as well as the other terms mentioned above) may be interpreted by the Parties in different ways;

ACKNOWLEDGING that the Parties' differing internal legislation and legal traditions will make it difficult to reach agreement on a simple "objective" interpretation of the term and that the facts concerning each importation will determine whether a proposed use would be for "primarily commercial purposes";

RECOGNIZING that lack of specific definitions for terms involving "commercial" and the importance of the facts concerning each proposed transaction create a need for consensus by the Parties regarding general principles and examples to guide the Parties in assessing the commerciality of the intended use of those specimens of Appendix-I species to be imported;

AWARE that agreement on interpreting the term "primarily commercial purposes" is important because of the fundamental principle in Article II, paragraph 1, of the Convention that trade in specimens of Appendix-I species must be subject to particularly strict regulation and only authorized in exceptional circumstances;

THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION

RECOMMENDS that for the purposes of Article III, paragraphs 3(c) and 5(c), of the Convention, the following general principles and the examples in the Annex attached to the present Resolution be used by the Parties in assessing whether the importation of a specimen of an Appendix-I species would result in its use for "primarily commercial purposes":

General Principles

1. Trade in Appendix-I species must be subject to particularly strict regulation and authorized only in exceptional circumstances.
2. An activity can generally be described as "commercial" if its purpose is to obtain economic benefit, including profit (whether in cash or in kind) and is directed toward resale, exchange, provision of a service or other form of economic use or benefit.
3. The term "commercial purposes" should be defined by the country of import as broadly as possible so that any transaction which is not wholly "non-commercial" will be regarded as "commercial". In transposing this principle to the term "primarily commercial purposes", it is agreed that all uses whose non-commercial aspects do not clearly predominate shall be considered to be primarily commercial in nature with the result that the importation of Appendix-I specimens should not be permitted. The burden of proof for showing that the intended use of specimens of Appendix-I species is clearly non-commercial shall rest with the person or entity seeking to import such specimens.

4. Article III, paragraphs 3(c) and 5(c), of the Convention concern the intended use of the Appendix-I specimen in the country of importation, not the nature of the transaction between the owner of the specimen in the country of export and the recipient in the country of import. It can be assumed that a commercial transaction underlies many of the transfers of Appendix-I specimens from the country of export to the country of import. This does not automatically mean, however, that the specimen is to be used for "primarily commercial purposes".

Annex Examples

The following examples recognize categories of transactions in which the non-commercial aspects may or may not be predominant, depending upon the facts of each situation. The discussions which follow each example provide further guidance in, and criteria for, assessing the actual degree of commerciality on a case-by-case basis. The list is not intended to be exhaustive of situations where an importation of Appendix-I specimens could be found to be not "for primarily commercial purposes":

- a) Purely Private Use: Article VII, paragraph 3, of the Convention contains special rules for specimens "that are personal or household effects". The exceptions mentioned do not apply when specimens of Appendix-I species are acquired by the new owner outside of his or her country of usual residence and are imported into that country. It can, however, be deduced from these provisions that specimens imported for purely private use should not be considered to be for "primarily commercial purposes".
- b) Scientific Purposes: Article VII, paragraph 6, of the Convention uses the term "non-commercial loan, donation or exchange between scientists or scientific institutions". Thus, the Convention acknowledges that scientific purposes may justify a special departure from the Convention's general procedure. The import of specimens of an Appendix-I species may be permitted in those situations where the scientific purpose for such importation is clearly predominant, the importer is a scientist or a scientific institution registered or otherwise acknowledged by the Management Authority of the country of import, and the resale, commercial exchange or exhibit for the economic benefit of the specimens is not the primary intended use.
- c) Education or Training: Specimens of Appendix-I species may also be imported by government agencies or non-profit institutions acknowledged by the Management Authority of the country of import for purposes of conservation, education or training. For example, a specimen could be imported primarily to train Customs staff in effective CITES control. Imports of this type would thus be considered permissible.
- d) Biomedical Industry: Close scrutiny must be applied to imports of specimens of Appendix-I species in connection with the biomedical industry with an initial presumption that such importation is commercial. The purpose of the import here would be twofold: to develop products to promote public health and to sell such products, i.e. to make a profit. The latter aspect in this case would usually be considered to be predominant and as a result, imports of this type will most often not be acceptable. However, where the importer makes a clear showing to the Management Authority of the country of import that the sale of products is only incidental to public health research and not for any primary purpose of economic benefit or profit, then such imports could fall within group b) above.
- e) Captive-breeding Programmes: Importation of specimens of Appendix-I species for captive-breeding purposes raises special problems. Any importation of such specimens for captive-breeding purposes must be aimed as a priority at the long term protection of the affected species as required in Resolution Conf. 2.12*. Some captive-breeding operations sell surplus specimens to underwrite the cost of the captive-breeding programme. Importations under these circumstances could be allowed if any profit made would not inure to the personal economic benefit of a private individual or share-holder. Rather, any profit gained would be used to support the continuation of the captive-breeding programme to the benefit of the Appendix-I species. It should not, therefore, be assumed that importation under such circumstances is inappropriate. As for imports of captive-bred specimens for captive-breeding programmes for commercial purposes, Article VII, paragraphs 4 and 5, eliminate the need to address the "primarily commercial purposes" standard in Article III, paragraph 3(c). In connection with captive-breeding purposes, it should be noted that as a general rule importations must be part of general programmes aimed at the recovery of species and be undertaken with the help of the Parties in whose territory the species originate. The profit gained that might result should be used to support the continuation of the programme aimed at the recovery

of the Appendix-I species.

- f) Importation via Professional Dealers: A problem occurs with examples b) through e) above if the import is via a professional dealer. In such situations, the import initially serves a commercial purpose and in principle, therefore, should be prohibited under Article III, paragraph 3(c), of the Convention. The fact that the dealer states a general intention to eventually sell the imported specimen to an undetermined zoo or scientific institution should not change this overall conclusion. In practice, living specimens are generally imported commercially with just this aim in mind. However, importations through a professional dealer by a qualified scientific, educational, zoological or other non-profit organization may be considered acceptable if the ultimate intended use would be for one of the purposes set out in examples b), c), and e) above, and where a binding contract (including a contract conditioned on the granting of permits) for the importation and sale of a particular Appendix-I specimen has already been concluded between the professional dealer and the purchasing institution and is presented to the Management Authority of the country of import with the import permit application. The same should apply to example d) if sale is incidental to public health and not for the primary purpose of economic benefit or profit.

If a proposed importation of a specimen of an Appendix-I species fits within one of the above examples, all other applicable provisions of the Convention must still be satisfied in order for the importation to be acceptable. For example, where the primary purpose for importation is scientific study or zoological exhibition, the remaining conditions under Article III, paragraph 3 or 5, as applicable, must still be met. Thus, it is possible for an importation for scientific or zoological exhibition purposes to be inappropriate where such importation is found to be detrimental to the survival of the species or where, in the case of live specimens, it is found that the ultimate recipient of the specimens lacks facilities suitably equipped to house and properly care for the specimens.

Moreover, in keeping with the provisions of Article II, paragraph 1, the importation of Appendix-I specimens removed from the wild for one of the purposes set forth above should, as a general rule, not be allowed unless the importer has first demonstrated that:

- a) he has been unable to obtain suitable captive-bred specimens of the same species;
- b) another species not listed in Appendix I could not be utilized for the proposed purpose; and
- c) the proposed purpose could not be achieved through alternative means.

* Amended at the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and replaced by Resolution Conf. 10.16 adopted at the 10th Meeting.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES -- EXCERPTS FROM 50 CFR 13 -- GENERAL PERMIT PROCEDURES

Subpart A -- Introduction

§ 13.1 General.

Each person intending to engage in an activity for which a permit is required by this subchapter B shall, before commencing such activity, obtain a valid permit authorizing such activity. Each person who desires to obtain the permit privileges authorized by this subchapter must make application for such permit in accordance with the requirements of this part 13 and the other regulations in this subchapter which set forth the additional requirements for the specific permits desired. If the activity for which permission is sought is covered by the requirements of more than one part of this subchapter, the requirements of each part must be met. If the information required for each specific permitted activity is included, one application will be accepted for all permits required, and a single permit will be issued.

§ 13.2 Purpose of regulations.

The regulations contained in this part provide uniform rules, conditions, and procedures for the application for and the issuance, denial, suspension, revocation, and general administration of all permits issued pursuant to this subchapter B.

§ 13.3 Scope of regulations.

The provisions in this part are in addition to, and are not in lieu of, other permit regulations of this subchapter and apply to all permits issued thereunder, including "Import and Marking" (part 14), ~~"Feather Imports"~~ ["Wild Bird Conservation"] (part 15), "Injurious Wildlife" (part 16), "Endangered Wildlife and Plants" (part 17), "Marine Mammals" (part 18), "Migratory Birds" (part 21), "Eagles" (part 22) and "Endangered Species Convention" (part 23). As used in this part 13, the term "permit" shall refer to either a license, permit, or certificate as the context may require.

§ 13.4 Emergency variation from requirements.

The Director may approve variations from the requirements of this part when he finds that an emergency exists and that the proposed variations will not hinder effective administration of this subchapter B, and will not be unlawful.

Subpart B -- Application for Permits

§ 13.11 Application procedures.

The Service may not issue a permit for any activity authorized by this subchapter B unless the applicant has filed an application in accordance with the following procedures. Applicants do not have to submit a separate application for each permit unless otherwise required by this subchapter.

(a) *Forms.* Applications must be submitted in writing on a Federal Fish and Wildlife License/Permit Application (Form 3-200) or as otherwise specifically directed by the Service.

(b) *Forwarding instructions.* Applications for permits in the following categories should be forwarded to the issuing office indicated below.

(1) Migratory bird banding permits (50 CFR 21.22) -- Bird Banding Laboratory, Office of Migratory Bird Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Laurel, Maryland 20708. (Special application forms must be used for bird banding permits. They may be obtained by writing to the Bird Banding Laboratory).

(2) Exception to designated port (50 CFR part 14), import/export license (50 CFR 14.93), migratory bird permit, other than banding (50 CFR part 21) and Bald or Golden eagle permits (50 CFR part 22) -- Assistant Regional Director for Law Enforcement of District in which the applicant resides (see 50 CFR 10.22 for addresses and boundaries of the Law Enforcement Districts).

(3) ~~Feather quota~~ [Wild bird conservation] (50 CFR part 15), injurious wildlife (50 CFR part 16), endangered and threatened species (50 CFR part 17), marine mammal (50 CFR part 18) and permits and certificates for the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) (50 CFR part 23) -- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, ~~Federal Wildlife Permit Office, P.O. Box 3654~~, [Office of Management Authority, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Room 700,] Arlington, Virginia 22203.

(c) *Time notice.* The Service will process all applications as quickly as possible. However, it cannot guarantee final action within the time limits the applicant requests. Applicants for endangered species and marine mammal permits should submit applications to the Office of Management Authority which are postmarked at least 90 calendar days prior to the requested effective date. Applicants for all other permits should submit applications to the issuing office which are postmarked at least 60 days prior to the requested effective date.

(d) *Fees.* (1) Unless otherwise exempted by this paragraph, applicants for issuance or renewal of permits must pay the required permit processing fee at the time of application. Applicants should pay fees by check or money order made payable to "U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service." The Service will not refund any application fee under any circumstances if the

Service has processed the application. However, the Service may return the application fee if the applicant withdraws the application before the Service has significantly processed it.

(2) Except as provided in paragraph (d)(4) of this section, the fee for processing any application is \$25.00. If regulations in this subchapter require more than one type of permit for an activity, and the permits are issued by the same office, the issuing office may issue one consolidated permit authorizing the activity. The issuing office may charge only the highest single fee for the activity permitted.

(3) A fee shall not be charged to any Federal, State or local government agency, nor to any individual or institution under contract to such agency for the proposed activities. The fee may be waived or reduced for public institutions (see 50 CFR 10.12). Proof of such status must accompany the application.

(4) *Nonstandard fees.*

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(e) *Abandoned or incomplete applications.* Upon receipt of an incomplete or improperly executed application, or if the applicant does not submit the proper fees, the issuing office will notify the applicant of the deficiency. If the applicant fails to supply the correct information to complete the application or to pay the required fees within 45 calendar days of the date of notification, the Service will consider the application abandoned. The Service will not refund any fees for an abandoned application.

§ 13.12 General information requirements on applications for permits.

(a) General information required for all applications. All applications must contain the following information:

(1) Applicant's full name, mailing address, telephone number(s), and,

(i) If the applicant is an individual, the date of birth, height, weight, hair color, eye color, sex, and any business or institutional affiliation of the applicant related to the requested permitted activity; or

(ii) If the applicant is a corporation, firm, partnership, association, institution, or public or private agency, the name and address of the president or principal officer and of the registered agent for the service of process;

(2) Location where the requested permitted activity is to occur or be conducted;

(3) Reference to the part(s) and section(s) of this subchapter B as listed in paragraph (b) of this section under which the application is made for a permit or permits, together with any additional justification, including supporting documentation as required by the referenced part(s) and section(s);

(4) If the requested permitted activity involves the import or re-export of wildlife or plants from or to any foreign country, and the country of origin, or the country of export or re-export restricts the taking, possession, transportation, exportation, or sale of wildlife or plants, documentation as indicated in § 14.52(c) of this subchapter B;

(5) Certification in the following language:

I hereby certify that I have read and am familiar with the regulations contained in title 50, part 13, of the Code of Federal Regulations and the other applicable parts in subchapter B of chapter I of title 50, Code of Federal Regulations, and I further certify that the information submitted in this application for a permit is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that any false statement herein may subject me to suspension or revocation of this permit and to the criminal penalties of 18 U.S.C. 1001.

(6) Desired effective date of permit except where issuance date is fixed by the part under which the permit is issued;

(7) Date;

(8) Signature of the applicant; and

(9) Such other information as the Director determines relevant to the processing of the application.

(b) *Additional information required on permit applications.* As stated in paragraph (a)(3) of this section certain additional information is required on all applications. These additional requirements may be found by referring to the section of this subchapter B cited after the type of permit for which application is being made:

<u>Type of permit</u>	<u>Section</u>
Feather import quota [Wild bird conservation]	15.22
Importation or entry ...	15.25
Injurious wildlife	
Importation or shipment ...	16.22
Endangered wildlife and plant permits:	
Similarity of appearance ...	17.52
Scientific, enhancement of propagation or survival, incidental taking for wildlife...	17.22
Scientific, propagation, or survival for plants ...	17.62
Economic hardship for wildlife ...	17.23
Economic hardship for plants ...	17.63
Threatened wildlife and plant permits:	
Similarity of appearance ...	17.52
General for wildlife ...	17.32
American alligator--buyer or tanner...	17.42(a)

General for plants	17.72
Marine mammals permits:	
Scientific research	18.31
Public display	18.31
Endangered Species Convention permits...	23.15

Subpart C -- Permit Administration

§ 13.21 Issuance of permits.

(a) No permit may be issued prior to the receipt of a written application therefor, unless a written variation from the requirements, as authorized by § 13.4, is inserted into the official file of the Bureau. An oral or written representation of an employee or agent of the United States Government, or an action of such employee or agent, shall not be construed as a permit unless it meets the requirements of a permit as defined in 50 CFR 10.12.

(b) Upon receipt of a properly executed application for a permit, the Director shall issue the appropriate permit unless:

(1) The applicant has been assessed a civil penalty or convicted of any criminal provision of any statute or regulation relating to the activity for which the application is filed, if such assessment or conviction evidences a lack of responsibility.

(2) The applicant has failed to disclose material information required, or has made false statements as to any material fact, in connection with his application;

(3) The applicant has failed to demonstrate a valid justification for the permit and a showing of responsibility;

(4) The authorization requested potentially threatens a wildlife or plant population, or

(5) The Director finds through further inquiry or investigation, or otherwise, that the applicant is not qualified.

(c) *Disqualifying factors.* Any one of the following will disqualify a person from receiving permits issued under this Part.

(1) A conviction, or entry of a plea of guilty or nolo contendere, for a felony violation of the Lacey Act, the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, or the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act disqualifies any such person from receiving or exercising the privileges of a permit, unless such disqualification has been expressly waived by the Director in response to a written petition.

(2) The revocation of a permit for reasons found in §13.28 (a)(1) or (a)(2) disqualifies any such person from receiving or exercising the privileges of a similar permit for a period of five years from the date of the final agency decision on such revocation.

(3) The failure to pay any required fees or assessed costs and penalties, whether or not reduced to judgement disqualifies such person from receiving or exercising the privileges of a permit as long as such moneys are owed to the United States. This requirement shall not apply to any civil penalty presently subject to administrative or judicial appeal; provided that the pendency of a collection action brought by the United States or its assignees shall not constitute an appeal within the meaning of this subsection.

(4) The failure to submit timely, accurate, or valid reports as required may disqualify such person from receiving or exercising the privileges of a permit as long as the deficiency exists.

(d) *Use of supplemental information.* The issuing officer, in making a determination under this subsection, may use any information available that is relevant to the issue. This may include any prior conviction, or entry of a plea of guilty or nolo contendere, or assessment of civil or criminal penalty for a violation of any Federal or State law or regulation governing the permitted activity. It may also include any prior permit revocations or suspensions, or any reports of State or local officials. The issuing officer shall consider all relevant facts or information available, and may make independent inquiry or investigation to verify information or substantiate qualifications asserted by the applicant.

(e) *Conditions of issuance and acceptance.* (1) Any permit automatically incorporates within its terms the conditions and requirements of Subpart D of this part and of any part(s) or section(s) specifically authorizing or governing the activity for which the permit is issued.

(2) Any person accepting and holding a permit under this Subchapter B acknowledges the necessity for close regulation and monitoring of the permitted activity by the Government. By accepting such permit, the permittee consents to and shall allow entry by agents or employees of the Service upon premises where the permitted activity is conducted at any reasonable hour. Service agents or employees may enter such premises to inspect the location; any books, records, or permits required to be kept by this Subchapter B; and any wildlife or plants kept under authority of the permit.

(f) *Term of permit.* Unless otherwise modified, a permit is valid during the period specified on the face of the permit. Such period shall include the effective date and the date of expiration.

(g) *Denial.* The issuing officer may deny a permit to any applicant who fails to meet the issuance criteria set forth in this section or in the part(s) or section(s) specifically governing the activity for which the permit is requested.

§ 13.22 Renewal of permits.

(a) *Application for renewal.* Applicants for renewal of a permit must submit a written application at least 30 days prior to the expiration date of the permit. Applicants must certify in the form required by § 13.12(a)(5) that all statements and

information in the original application remain current and correct, unless previously changed or corrected. If such information is no longer current or correct, the applicant must provide corrected information.

(b) *Renewal criteria.* The Service shall issue a renewal of a permit if the applicant meets the criteria for issuance in § 13.21(b) and is not disqualified under § 13.21(c).

(c) *Continuation of permitted activity.* Any person holding a valid, renewable permit, who has complied with this section, may continue the activities authorized by the expired permit until the Service has acted on such person's application for renewal.

(d) *Denial.* The issuing officer may deny renewal of a permit to any applicant who fails to meet the issuance criteria set forth in § 13.21 of this part, or in the part(s) or section(s) specifically governing the activity for which the renewal is requested.

§ 13.23 Amendment of permits.

(a) *Permittee's request.* Where circumstances have changed so that a permittee desires to have any condition of his permit modified, such permittee must submit a full written justification and supporting information in conformity with this part and the part under which the permit was issued.

(b) *Service reservation.* The Service reserves the right to amend any permit for just cause at any time during its term, upon written finding of necessity.

(c) *Change of name or address.* A permittee is not required to obtain a new permit if there is a change in the legal individual or business name, or in the mailing address of the permittee. A permittee is required to notify the issuing office within 10 calendar days of such change. This provision does not authorize any change in location of the conduct of the permitted activity when approval of the location is a qualifying condition of the permit.

§ 13.24 Right of succession by certain persons.

(b) In order to secure the right provided in this section the person or persons desiring to continue the activity shall furnish the permit to the issuing officer for endorsement within 90 days from the date the successor begins to carry on the activity.

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**ENDANGERED AND THREATENED PLANTS -- EXCERPTS FROM 50 CFR 17 --
ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS**

Subpart F -- Endangered Plants

§ 17.61 Prohibitions.

(a) Except as provided in a permit issued pursuant to § 17.62 or § 17.63, it is unlawful for any person subject to the jurisdiction of the United States to commit, to attempt to commit, to solicit another to commit, or to cause to be committed, any of the acts described in paragraphs (b) through (e) of this section in regard to any Endangered plant.

(b) *Import or export.* It is unlawful to import or to export any Endangered plant. Any shipment in transit through the United States is an importation and an exportation, whether or not it has entered the country for customs purposes.

(c) *Remove and reduce to possession.* (1) It is unlawful to remove and reduce to possession any endangered plant from an area under Federal jurisdiction.

(2) Notwithstanding paragraph (c)(1) of this section, any employee or agent of the Service, any other Federal land management agency, or a State conservation agency, who is designated by that agency for such purposes, may, when acting in the course of official duties, remove and reduce to possession endangered plants from areas under Federal jurisdiction without a permit if such action is necessary to:

- (i) Care for a damaged or diseased specimen;
- (ii) Dispose of a dead specimen; or
- (iii) Salvage a dead specimen which may be useful for scientific study.

(3) Any removal and reduction to possession pursuant to paragraph (c)(2) of this section must be reported in writing to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Law Enforcement, P.O. Box 28006, Washington, DC 20005, within 5 days. The specimen may only be retained, disposed of, or salvaged in accordance with written directions from the Service.

(4) Notwithstanding paragraph (c)(1) of this section, any qualified employee or agent of a State conservation agency which is a party to a Cooperative Agreement with the Service in accordance with section 6(c) of the Act, who is designated by that agency for such purposes, may, when acting in the course of official duties, remove and reduce to possession from areas under Federal jurisdiction those endangered plants which are covered by an approved cooperative agreement for conservation programs in accordance with the Cooperative Agreement, provided that such removal is not reasonably anticipated to result in:

- (i) The death or permanent damage of the specimens;
- (ii) The removal of the specimen from the State where the removal occurred; or
- (iii) The introduction of the specimen so removed, or of any propagules derived from such a specimen, into an area beyond the historical range of the species.

(d) *Interstate or foreign commerce.* It is unlawful to deliver, receive, carry, transport, or ship in interstate or foreign commerce, by any means whatsoever, and in the course of a commercial activity, an endangered plant.

(e) *Sale or offer for sale.* (1) It is unlawful to sell or to offer for sale in interstate or foreign commerce any endangered plant.

(2) An advertisement for the sale of any endangered plant which carries a warning to the effect that no sale may be consummated until a permit has been obtained from the Service, shall not be considered an offer for sale within the meaning of this paragraph.

§ 17.62 Permits for scientific purposes or for the enhancement of propagation or survival.

Upon receipt of a complete application the Director may issue a permit authorizing any activity otherwise prohibited by § 17.61, in accordance with the issuance criteria of this section, for scientific purposes or for enhancing the propagation or survival of endangered plants. (See § 17.72 for permits for threatened plants.) Such a permit may authorize a single transaction, a series of transactions, or a number of activities over a specified period of time.

(a) *Application requirements.* An application for a permit under this section must be submitted to the Director by the person who wishes to engage in the prohibited activity. The permit for activities involving interstate commerce must be obtained by the seller if the plants are derived from cultivated stock, and by the buyer if the plants are taken from the wild. The application must be submitted on an official application form (Form 3-200) provided by the Service, or must contain the general information and certification required by § 13.12(a) of this subchapter. Requirements differ for the issuance of a permit for activities dealing with plants obtained from the wild (excluding

seeds), seeds and cultivated plants, or herbarium specimens. The applicant must provide in an attachment the information required below and any other information that is requested by the Director.

(1) For activities involving plants obtained from the wild (excluding seeds), provide the following information:

(i) The scientific names of the plants sought to be covered by the permit;
(ii) The estimated number of specimens sought to be covered by the permit;
(iii) The year, country, and approximate place where taking occurred or will occur;
(iv) If the activities would involve removal and reduction to possession of a plant from an area under Federal jurisdiction, the year, State, county, or any other description such as place name, township, and range designation that will precisely place the location where the proposed removal and reduction to possession will occur, the name of the Federal entity having jurisdiction over the area, and the name, title, address, and phone number of the person in charge of the area.

(v) The name and address of the institution or other facility where the plant sought to be covered by the permit will be used or maintained;

(vi) A brief description of the applicant's expertise and facilities as related to the proposed activity;

(vii) A statement of the applicant's willingness to participate in a cooperative propagation program, and to maintain or contribute data relating to such efforts; and

(viii) A statement of the reasons why the applicant is justified in obtaining the permit, including:

(A) The activities sought to be authorized by the permit and the relationship of such activities to scientific purposes or enhancing the propagation or survival of the species; and

(B) The planned disposition of such plant upon termination of the activities sought to be authorized.

(2) For activities involving seeds and cultivated plants, provide the following information:

(i) The scientific names of the plants sought to be covered by the permit;
(ii) A statement of the applicant's willingness to participate in a cooperative propagation program, and to maintain or contribute data relating to the success of such efforts;

(iii) A justification of the activities sought to be authorized by the permit and the relationship of such activities to scientific purposes or enhancing the propagation or survival of the species; and

(iv) If the activities would involve seeds obtained from the wild, additional information to evaluate the effects of such taking upon the reproductive potential of the species where the taking will occur.

(v) If the activities would involve removal and reduction to possession of seeds from an area under Federal jurisdiction, the year, State, county or any other description such as place name, township, and range designation that will precisely place the location where the proposed removal and reduction to possession will occur, the name of the Federal entity having jurisdiction over the area and the name, title, address, and phone number of the person in charge of the area.

(3) For importation or exportation involving the non-commercial loan, exchange, or donation of herbarium or other preserved, dried, or embedded museum specimens of any endangered species between scientists or scientific institutions, provide the following information:

(i) The name and address of the institution or other facility where the plants sought to be covered by the permit will be used or maintained; and

(ii) A justification of the activities sought to be authorized by the permit and the relationship of such activities to scientific purposes or enhancing the propagation or survival of the species.

(iii) The information collection requirements contained in this section have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget under 44 U.S.C. 3507 and assigned Clearance Number 1018 - 0022. This information is being collected to provide information necessary to evaluate permit applications and make decisions, according to criteria established in various Federal wildlife and plant conservation statutes and regulations, on the issuance or denial of permits. The obligation to respond is required to obtain or retain a permit.

(4) If the activity sought to be authorized is with a species also regulated by the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, additional requirements as indicated in § 23.15(c) of this subchapter must be met. For the convenience of the applicant, § 23.15(c) is repeated here:

Applications for permits or certificates under this section must be submitted to the Director by any person subject to the jurisdiction of the United States who wishes to engage in the activity. Each application must be submitted on an official application form (Form 3-200) provided by the Service, or must contain the general information and certification required by § 13.12(a) of this subchapter, and must include, as an attachment, as much of the following information as relates to the purpose for which the applicant is requesting a permit or certificate.

(1) The scientific and common names of the species (or taxa to the rank listed in Appendix I, II, or III) sought to be covered by the permit, the number of wildlife or plants, and the activity sought to be authorized (such as importing, exporting, re-exporting, etc.);

(2) A statement as to whether the wildlife or plant, at the time of application, (i) is living in the wild, (ii) is living but is not in the wild, or (iii) is dead;

(3) A description of the wildlife or plant, including (i) size, (ii) sex (if known), and (iii) type of goods, if it is a part or derivative;

(4) In the case of living wildlife or plants, (i) a description of the type, size and construction of any container the wildlife or plant will be placed in during transportation; and (ii) the arrangements for watering and otherwise caring for the wildlife or plant during transportation;

(5) The name and address of the person in a foreign country to whom the wildlife or plant is to be exported from the United States, or from whom the wildlife or plant is to be imported into the United States;

(6) The country and place where the wildlife or plant was or is to be taken from the wild;

(7) In the case of wildlife or plants listed in Appendix I to be imported into the United States, (i) a statement of the purposes and details of the activities for which the wildlife or plant is to be imported; (ii) a brief resume of the technical expertise of the applicant or other persons who will care for the wildlife or plant; (iii) the name, address and a description, including diagrams or photographs, of the facility where the wildlife or plant will be maintained; and (iv) a description of all mortalities, in the two years preceding the date of this application, involving any wildlife species covered in the application (or any species of the same genus or family) held by the applicant, including the causes and steps taken to avoid such mortalities; and

(8) Copies of documents, sworn affidavits or other evidence showing that either (i) the wildlife or plant was acquired prior to the date the Convention applied to it, or (ii) the wildlife or plant was bred in captivity or artificially propagated, or was part of or derived therefrom, or (iii) the wildlife or plant is a herbarium specimen, other preserved, dried or embedded museum specimen, or live plant material to be imported, exported or re-exported as a non-commercial loan, donation or exchange between scientists or scientific institutions.

(b) *Issuance criteria.* Upon receiving an application completed in accordance with paragraph (a) of this section, the Director will decide whether or not a permit should be issued. In making his decision, the Director shall consider, in addition to the general criteria in § 13.21(b) of this subchapter, the following factors:

(1) Whether the purpose for which the permit is requested will enhance the survival of the species in the wild;

(2) Whether the purpose for which the permit is requested will enhance the propagation of the species;

(3) The opinions or views of scientists or other persons or organizations having expertise concerning the plant or other matters germane to the application; and

(4) Whether the expertise, facilities, or other resources available to the applicant appear adequate to successfully accomplish the objectives stated in the application.

(c) *Permit conditions.* In addition to the general conditions set forth in Part 13 of this subchapter, every permit issued under this section shall be subject to the following special conditions:

(1) If requested, the permittee shall submit to the Director a written report of the activities authorized by the permit. Such report must be postmarked by the date specified in the permit or otherwise requested by the Director.

(2) A copy of the permit or an identification label, which includes the scientific name, the permit number, and a statement that the plant is of "wild origin" or "cultivated origin" must accompany the plant or its container during the course of any activity subject to these regulations, unless the specimens meet the special conditions referred to in paragraph (c)(3) of this section.

(3) In the case of plants that are herbarium specimens, or other preserved, dried or embedded museum specimens to be imported or exported as a noncommercial loan, exchange or donation between scientists or scientific institutions, the names and addresses of the consignor and consignee must be on each package or container. A description such as "herbarium specimens" and the code letters assigned by the Service to the scientists or scientific institution must be entered on the Customs declaration form affixed to each package or container. If the specimens are of taxa also regulated by the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, the letters "CITES" (acronym for the Convention) also must be entered on the Customs declaration form, as indicated in § 23.15(e)(3) of this subchapter.

(d) *Duration of permit.* The duration of a permit issued under this section shall be designated on the face of the permit.

Subpart G -- Threatened Plants

§ 17.71 Prohibitions.

(a) Except as provided in Subpart A of this part, or in a permit issued under this subpart, all of the provisions in § 17.61 shall apply to threatened plants, with the following exception. Seeds of cultivated specimens of species treated as threatened shall be exempt from all the provisions of § 17.61, provided that a statement that the seeds are of "cultivated origin" accompanies the seeds or their container during the course of any activity otherwise subject to these regulations.

(b) In addition to any provisions of this part 17, any employee or agent of the Service or of a State Conservation Agency which is operating a conservation program pursuant to the terms of a Cooperative Agreement with the Service in accordance with section 6(c) of the Act, who is designated by that agency for such purposes, may, when acting in the course of official duties, remove and reduce to possession from areas under Federal jurisdiction those threatened species of plants which are covered by an approved Cooperative Agreement to carry out conservation programs.

(c) Whenever a special rule in §§ 17.73 to 17.78 applies to a threatened species, none of the provisions of paragraph (a) of this section will apply. The special rule will contain all the applicable prohibitions and exceptions. If indicated by special rule, the exception for seeds in paragraph (a) of this section shall not apply to the threatened species.

§ 17.72 Permits -- general.

Upon receipt of a complete application, the Director may issue a permit authorizing any activity otherwise prohibited with regard to threatened plants. The permit shall be governed by the provisions of this section unless a special rule applicable to the plant is provided in §§ 17.73 to 17.78. A permit issued under this section must be for one of the following: scientific purposes, the enhancement of the propagation or survival of threatened species, economic hardship, botanical or horticultural exhibition, educational purposes, or other activities consistent with the purposes and policy of the Act. Such a permit may authorize a single transaction, a series of transactions, or a number of activities over a specified period of time.

(a) *Application requirements.* An application for a permit under this section must be submitted to the Director by the person who wishes to engage in the prohibited activity. The permit for activities involving interstate commerce must be obtained by the seller if the plants are derived from cultivated stock, and by the buyer if the plants are taken from the wild. The application must be submitted on an official application form (Form 3-200) provided by the Service or must contain the general information and certification required by § 13.12(a) of this subchapter. Requirements differ for the issuance of a permit for activities dealing with plants obtained from the wild (excluding seeds), seeds obtained from the wild and cultivated plants, or herbarium specimens. The applicant must provide in an attachment the information required below and any other information that is requested by the Director.

(1) For activities involving plants obtained from the wild (excluding seeds), provide the following information:

- (i) The scientific names of the plants sought to be covered by the permit;
- (ii) The estimated number of specimens sought to be covered by the permit;
- (iii) The year, country, and approximate place where taking occurred or will occur;

(iv) If the activities would involve removal and reduction to possession of a plant from an area under Federal jurisdiction, the year, State, county or any other description such as place name, township, and range designation that will precisely place the location where the proposed removal and reduction to possession will occur, the name of the Federal entity having jurisdiction over the area and the name, title, address, and phone number of the person in charge of the area.

(v) A brief description of the applicant's expertise and facilities as related to the proposed activity;

(vi) A justification of the activities sought to be authorized by the permit and the relationship of such activities to scientific purposes, enhancing the propagation or survival of the species, or other objectives consistent with the purposes and policy of the Act; and

(vii) A statement of the applicant's willingness to participate in a cooperative propagation program, and to maintain or contribute data relating to such efforts.

(2) For activities involving seeds obtained from the wild and cultivated plants, provide the following information:

(i) The scientific names of the plants sought to be covered by the permit;

(ii) A statement of the applicant's willingness to participate in a cooperative propagation program, and to maintain or contribute data relating to the success of such efforts; and

(iii) A justification of the activities sought to be authorized by the permit and the relationship of such activities to scientific purposes, enhancing the propagation or survival of the species, or other objectives consistent with the purposes and policy of the Act.

(iv) If the activities would involve removal and reduction to possession of seeds from an area under Federal jurisdiction, the year, State, county, or any other description such as place name, township, and range designation that will precisely place the location where the proposed removal and reduction to possession will occur, the name of the Federal entity having jurisdiction over the area and the name, title, address, and phone number of the person in charge of the area.

(3) For importation or exportation involving the non-commercial loan, exchange or donation of herbarium or other preserved, dried or embedded museum specimens of all threatened species between scientists or scientific institutions, provide the following information:

(i) The name and address of the institution or other facility where the plants sought to be covered by the permit will be used or maintained; and

(ii) A justification of the activities sought to be authorized by the permit and the relationship of such activities to scientific purposes, enhancing the propagation or survival of the species, or other objectives consistent with the purposes and policy of the Act.

(iii) The information collection requirements contained in this section have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget under 44 U.S.C. 3507 and assigned Clearance Number 1018 - 0022. This information is being collected to provide information necessary to evaluate permit applications and make decisions, according to criteria established in various Federal wildlife and plant conservation statutes and regulations, on the issuance or denial of permits. The obligation to respond is required to obtain or retain a permit.

(4) If the activity sought to be authorized is with a species also regulated by the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, additional requirements as indicated in § 23.15(c) of this subchapter must be met. For the convenience of the applicant, § 23.15(c) is repeated here:

Applications for permits or certificates under this section must be submitted to the Director by any person subject to the jurisdiction of the United States who wishes to engage in the Activity. Each application must be submitted on an official application form (Form 3-200) provided by the Service, or must contain the general information and certification required by § 13.12(a) of this subchapter, and must include, as an attachment, as much of the following information as relates to the purpose for which the applicant is requesting a permit or certificate.

(1) The scientific and common names of the species (or taxa to the rank listed in Appendix I, II or III) sought to be covered by the permit, the number of wildlife or plants, and the activity sought to be authorized (such as importing, exporting, re-exporting, etc.);

(2) A statement as to whether the wildlife or plant, at the time of application, (i) is living in the wild, (ii) is living but is not in the wild, or (iii) is dead;

(3) A description of the wildlife or plant, including (i) size, (ii) sex (if known), and (iii) type of goods, if it is a part or derivative;

(4) In the case of living wildlife or plants, (i) a description of the type, size and construction of any container the wildlife or plant will be placed in during transportation; and (ii) the arrangements for watering and otherwise caring for the wildlife or plant during transportation;

(5) The name and address of the person in a foreign country to whom the wildlife or plant is to be exported from the United States, or from whom the wildlife or plant is to be imported into the United States;

(6) The country and place where the wildlife or plant was or is to be taken from the wild;

(7) In the case of wildlife or plants listed in Appendix I to be imported into the United States, (i) a statement of the purposes and details of the activities for which the wildlife or plant is to be imported; (ii) a brief resume of the technical expertise of the applicant or other persons who will care for the wildlife or plant; (iii) the name, address and a description, including diagrams or photographs, of the facility where the wildlife or plant will be maintained; and (iv) a description of all mortalities, in the two years preceding the date of this application, involving any wildlife species covered in the application (or any species of the same genus or family) held by the applicant, including the causes and steps taken to avoid such mortalities; and

(8) Copies of documents, sworn affidavits, or other evidence showing that either (i) the wildlife or plant was acquired prior to the date the Convention applied to it, or (ii) the wildlife or plant was bred in captivity, or artificially propagated, or was part of or derived therefrom, or (iii) the wildlife or plant is an herbarium specimen, other preserved, dried, or embedded museum specimen, or live plant material to be imported, exported, or re-exported as a noncommercial loan, donation, or exchange between scientists or scientific institutions.

(b) *Issuance criteria.* Upon receiving an application completed in accordance with paragraph (a) of this section, the Director will decide whether or not a permit should be issued. In making his decision, the Director shall consider, in addition to the general criteria in § 13.21(b) of this subchapter, the following factors:

- (1) Whether the purpose for which the permit is requested will enhance the survival of the species in the wild;
- (2) Whether the purpose for which the permit is requested will enhance the propagation of the species;
- (3) The opinions or views of scientists or other persons or organizations having expertise concerning the plant or other matters germane to the application; and
- (4) Whether the expertise, facilities, or other resources available to the applicant appear adequate to successfully accomplish the objectives stated in the application.

(c) *Permit conditions.* In addition to the general conditions set forth in part 13 of this subchapter, every permit issued under this section shall be subject to the following special conditions:

(1) If requested, the permittee shall submit to the Director a written report of the activities authorized by the permit. Such report must be postmarked by the date specified in the permit or otherwise requested by the Director.

(2) A copy of the permit or an identification label, which includes the scientific name, the permit number, and a statement that the plant is of "wild origin" or "cultivated origin" must accompany the plant or its container during the course of any activity subject to these regulations, unless the specimens meet the special conditions referred to in paragraph (c)(3) of this section.

(3) In the case of plants that are herbarium specimens, or other preserved, dried, or embedded museum specimens to be imported or exported as a noncommercial loan exchange or donation between scientists or scientific institutions, the names and addresses of the consignor and consignee must be on each package or container. A description such as "herbarium specimens" and the code letters assigned by the Service to the scientist or scientific institution must be entered on the Customs declaration form affixed to each package or container. If the specimens are of taxa also regulated by the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, the letters "CITES" (acronym for the convention) also must be entered on the Customs declaration form as indicated in § 23.15(e)(3) of this subchapter.

(d) *Duration of permit.* The duration of a permit issued under this section shall be designated on the face of the permit.

EXCEPTIONS, PERMITS, AND CERTIFICATIONS -- EXCERPTS FROM 50 CFR 23 -- ENDANGERED SPECIES CONVENTION

Subpart A -- Introduction

§ 23.1 Purpose of regulations.

(a) The regulations in this part implement the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, TIAS 8249.

(b) The regulations identify those species of wildlife and plants included in appendix I, II or III to the Convention.

§ 23.2 Scope of regulations.

(a) The regulations of this part apply only to wildlife and plants listed in appendix I, II or III to the Convention, listed herein in § 23.23 for the convenience of the public. It should be noted that many species listed in appendix I, II or III are also listed in part 17 (endangered and threatened species) or part 18 (marine mammals), and are subject to additional regulations in those parts or in part 216 (marine mammals) or parts 217-225 (endangered and threatened species) for species under jurisdiction of the National Marine Fisheries Service.

§ 23.3 Definitions.

In addition to the definitions contained in parts 10 and 17 of this subchapter, and unless the context requires otherwise, in this part:

Appendix I means the list of wildlife and plants called "Appendix I" and attached to the Convention (see § 23.23 for the list).

Appendix II means the list of wildlife and plants called "Appendix II" and attached to the Convention (see § 23.23 for the list).

Appendix III means the list of wildlife and plants called "Appendix III" and attached to the Convention (see § 23.23 for the list).

Convention means the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, TIAS 8249.

Management Authority means a national management authority officially designated by a party to implement the present Convention, including the granting of permits or certificates for Convention purposes on behalf of the party.

Party means a country for which the Convention has entered into force, by virtue of ratification or accession.

Re-export means export of wildlife or plants that have previously been imported.

United States means all of the several states, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, American Samoa, the Virgin Islands, Guam, and the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

§ 23.4 Parties to the Convention.

[A list of the names and addresses of the management authorities for specific countries is available from the Office of Management Authority, U.S. Fish and Wildlife, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, VA 22203, 1(800) 358-2104 upon request.]

Subpart B -- Prohibitions, Permits and Exceptions

§ 23.11 Prohibitions.

(a) Unless the requirements in this part 23 are met, or one of the exceptions in this part 23 is applicable, it is unlawful for any person subject to the jurisdiction of the United States to commit, attempt to commit, solicit another to commit, or cause to be committed any of the acts described in paragraphs (b) through (d) of this section.

(b) *Import.* (1) It is unlawful to import into the United States any wildlife or plant listed in appendix I, II or III (see § 23.23) from any foreign country.

(2) It is unlawful to import directly into the United States any wildlife or plant listed in appendix I or II (see § 23.23) taken from the sea beyond the jurisdiction of any country.

(c) *Export.* It is unlawful to export from the United States any wildlife or plant listed in appendix I, II or III (see § 23.23).

(d) *Re-export.* It is unlawful to re-export from the United States any wildlife or plant listed in appendix I, II or III (see § 23.23).

(e) *Possession.* It is unlawful for any person subject to the jurisdiction of the United States to possess any wildlife or plant listed in appendix I, II or III imported into the United States, or exported or re-exported from the United States contrary to the provisions of the Convention or this part 23.

§ 23.12 Requirements.

(a) *Import -- (1) Appendix I.* (i) In order to import into the United States any wildlife or plant listed in Appendix I from any foreign country, a United States import permit, issued pursuant to § 23.15, and a valid foreign export permit issued by the country of origin or a valid foreign re-export certificate issued by the country of re-export must be obtained prior to such importation.

(ii) In order to import directly into the United States any wildlife or plant listed in appendix I taken from the sea beyond the jurisdiction of any country, a United States import permit issued pursuant to § 23.15 must be obtained prior to such importation.

(2) *Appendix II.* (i) In order to import into the United States any wildlife or plant listed in appendix II from any foreign country, a valid foreign export permit issued by the country of origin, or a valid foreign re-export certificate issued by the country of re-export, must be obtained prior to such importation.

(ii) In order to import directly into the United States any wildlife or plant listed in Appendix II taken from the sea beyond the jurisdiction of any country, a United States import permit issued pursuant to § 23.15, must be obtained prior to such importation.

(3) *Appendix III.* (i) In order to import into the United States any wildlife or plant listed in appendix III from a foreign country that has listed such animal or plant in appendix III, a valid foreign export permit or re-export certificate issued by such country must be obtained prior to such importation. (ii) In order to import into the United States any wildlife or plant listed in appendix III from a foreign country that has not listed such wildlife or plant in appendix III, a valid foreign certificate of origin or foreign re-export certificate must be obtained prior to such importation.

(b) *Export or re-export -- (1) Appendices I and II.* In order to export or re-export from the United States any wildlife or plant listed in appendix I or II, a United States export permit or re-export certificate, issued pursuant to § 23.15, must be obtained prior to such exportation or re-exportation.

(2) *Appendix III.* (i) In order to export or re-export from the United States any wildlife or plant listed in appendix III by the United States, a United States export permit or re-export certificate issued pursuant to § 23.15, must be obtained prior to such exportation or re-exportation.

(ii) In order to export or re-export from the United States any wildlife or plant listed in appendix III that has not been listed by the United States, a re-export certificate or certificate of origin, issued pursuant to § 23.15, must be obtained prior to such exportation or re-exportation.

§ 23.13 Exceptions.

(a) If any wildlife or plant listed in appendix I, II or III is also subject to the regulations in part 17 or part 18 of this subchapter, the prohibitions and exceptions in those parts and in part 23 shall apply. Exceptions in one part cannot be invoked to allow activities prohibited in another part.

(b) The prohibitions in § 23.11 (b) through (d) concerning importation, exportation and re-exportation shall not apply to wildlife or plant listed in appendix I, II or III that are being transshipped through the United States provided such wildlife or plants remain in Customs custody.

(c) The prohibitions in § 23.11 (b) through (d) concerning importation, exportation and re-exportation shall not apply to wildlife or plants when a certificate has been issued by the management authority of the country of origin or the country of re-export to the effect that the wildlife or plant was acquired prior to the date the Convention applied to it. See § 23.15 for rules on the issuance of such certificates.

(d) The prohibitions in § 23.11 (b) through (d) concerning importation, exportation and re-exportation shall not apply to wildlife or plants that are accompanying personal baggage or part of a shipment of the household effects of persons moving their residences to or from the United States: *Provided*, That this exception shall not apply to:

(1) Importation by U.S. residents of wildlife or plants listed in appendix I that were acquired outside the United States; or

(2) Importation by U.S. residents of wildlife or plants listed in appendix II that were taken from the wild in a foreign country, if that country requires export permits.

(e) Wildlife or plants listed in appendix I that have been bred in captivity or artificially propagated, for commercial activities, shall be treated as if listed in appendix II.

(f) The prohibitions in § 23.11 (b) through (d) concerning importation, exportation and re-exportation shall not apply to wildlife or plants when a certificate has been issued by the management authority of the country of export to the effect that the wildlife or plant was bred in captivity or artificially propagated, or was part of or derived therefrom. See § 23.15 for rules on the issuance of such certificates.

(g) The prohibitions in § 23.11 (b) through (d) concerning importation, exportation and re-exportation shall not apply to herbarium specimens, other preserved, dried or embedded museum specimens, and live plant material when they are imported, exported or re-exported as a non-commercial loan, donation or exchange between scientists or scientific institutions that have been registered by a management authority of their country, and when a label issued or approved by such management authority is clearly affixed to the package or container. See § 23.15 for rules on registration and issuance or approval of labels.

§ 23.14 Foreign documentation.

(a) *Party countries.* Only export permits, re-export certificates, certificates of origin, or other certificates issued and signed by a management authority will be accepted as a valid foreign document from a country that is a party to the Convention.

(b) *Countries that are not parties.* The requirements in this part 23 apply to all wildlife and plants listed in appendix I, II or III to the Convention, whether the shipment is to or from a country that is party to the Convention, or to or from any other country. In the case of a shipment from a country not party to the Convention, documents containing information corresponding to that

required by the regulations in this part 23 may be accepted. Such documents may be in the form of an export or import permit, a letter from the proper authority, or any other form that clearly indicates the nature of the document. Such documents must:

(1) Be issued by an official of the country responsible for authorizing the export of such wildlife or plants;

(2) Specify the species (or taxa to the rank listed in appendix I, II or III) and give the numbers of wildlife or plants covered by the document; and

(3) Contain the following statement or its equivalent:

I, _____, (Signing official), hereby certify that the shipment of wildlife or plants covered by this document is in accordance with the laws of _____ (Country), will not be detrimental to the survival of the species in the wild, and, if living, will be transported in a manner which will minimize the risk of injury, damage to health, or cruel treatment.

§ 23.15 Permits and Certificates.

(a) In order to import, export or re-export wildlife or plants listed in appendix I, II or III that are also listed as endangered or threatened and subject to regulations in part 17 of this subchapter, the requirements in both part 17 and part 23 must be met. A single application meeting the appropriate application requirements in part 17 will also meet the application requirements in part 23.

(b) In order to import wildlife listed in appendix I, II or III that are marine mammals subject to regulations in part 18 of this subchapter, the requirements in both part 18 and part 23 must be met. A single application meeting the application requirements in part 18 will also meet the application requirements in part 23.

(c) Application requirements for permits or certificates to import, export or re-export wildlife or plants listed in appendix I, II or III that are not subject to the regulations in part 17 or part 18 of this subchapter. Applications for permits or certificates under this section must be submitted to the Director by any person subject to the jurisdiction of the United States who wishes to engage in the activity. Each application must be submitted on an official application form (Form 3-200) provided by the Service, or must contain the general information and certification required by § 13.12(a) of this subchapter, and must include, as an attachment, as much of the following information as relates to the purpose for which the applicant is requesting a permit or certificate.

(1) The scientific and common names of the species (or taxa to the rank listed in appendix I, II or III) sought to be covered by the permit, the number of wildlife or plants, and the activity sought to be authorized (such as importing, exporting, re-exporting, etc.);

(2) A statement as to whether the wildlife or plant, at the time of application, (i) is living in the wild, (ii) is living but is not in the wild, or (iii) is dead;

(3) A description of the wildlife or plant, including (i) size, (ii) sex (if known), and (iii) type of goods, if it is a part or derivative;

(4) In the case of living wildlife or plants, (i) a description of the type, size and construction of any container the wildlife or plant will be placed in during transportation; and (ii) the arrangements for watering and otherwise caring for the wildlife or plant during transportation;

(5) The name and address of the person in a foreign country to whom the wildlife or plant is to be exported from the United States, or from whom the wildlife or plant is to be imported into the United States;

(6) The country and place where the wildlife or plant was or is to be taken from the wild;

(7) In the case of wildlife or plants listed in appendix I to be imported into the United States, (i) a statement of the purposes and details of the activities for which the wildlife or plant is to be imported; (ii) a brief resume of the technical expertise of the applicant or other persons who will care for the wildlife or plant; (iii) the name, address and a description, including diagrams or photographs, of the facility where the wildlife or plant will be maintained; and (iv) a description of all mortalities, in the two years preceding the date of this application, involving any wildlife species covered in the application (or any species of the same genus or family) held by the applicant, including the causes and steps taken to avoid such mortalities; and

(8) Copies of documents, sworn affidavits or other evidence showing that either (i) the wildlife or plant was acquired prior to the date the Convention applied to it, or (ii) the wildlife or plant was bred in captivity or artificially propagated, or was part of or derived therefrom, or (iii) the wildlife or plant is an herbarium specimen, other preserved, dried or embedded museum specimen or live plant material to be imported, exported or re-exported as a non-commercial loan, donation or exchange between scientists or scientific institutions.

(d) *Issuance criteria.* Upon receiving an application completed in accordance with paragraph (a), (b) or (c) of this section, the Director will decide whether or not a permit or certificate should be issued. In making his decision, the Director shall consider in addition to the general criteria in § 13.21(b) of this subchapter, the following factors:

(1) Whether the proposed import, export or re-export would be detrimental to the survival of the species;

(2) Whether the wildlife or plant was acquired lawfully;

(3) Whether any living wildlife or plant to be exported or re-exported will be so prepared and shipped as to minimize the risk of injury, damage to health or cruel treatment;

(4) Whether any living wildlife or plant to be imported directly into the United States from the sea beyond the jurisdiction of

any country will be so handled as to minimize the risk of injury, damage to health or cruel treatment;

(5) Whether an import permit has been granted by a foreign country, in the case of proposed export or re-export from the United States of any wildlife or plant listed in Appendix I;

(6) Whether the proposed recipient of any living wildlife or plant listed in Appendix I to be imported into the United States is suitably equipped to house and care for such wildlife or plant;

(7) Whether any wildlife or plant listed in appendix I to be imported into the United States is to be used for primarily commercial activities; and

(8) Whether the evidence submitted is sufficient to justify an exception, in the case of (i) wildlife or plants that were acquired prior to the date the Convention applied to them; (ii) wildlife or plants that were bred in captivity or artificially propagated, or were part of or derived there from; or (iii) wildlife or plants that are herbarium specimens; other preserved, dried or embedded museum specimens, or live plant material to be imported, exported or re-exported as a noncommercial loan, donation or exchange between scientists or scientific institutions.

(9) Whether in the case of wildlife or plants listed in Appendix II, they are the subject of a large volume of trade and are not necessarily threatened with extinction.

(e) Permit or certificate conditions. In addition to the general criteria set forth in part 13 of this subchapter, permits or certificates issued under this section shall be subject to the following special conditions:

(1) Any permit must be presented to a Service agent at a designated port of entry upon importation into the United States or prior to exportation or re-exportation from the United States:

(2) Where appropriate and feasible, the Service may require that an identifying mark be affixed upon any wildlife or plant;

(3) In the case of wildlife or plants that are herbarium specimens, other preserved, dried or embedded museum specimens, or live plant material to be imported, exported or re-exported as a non-commercial loan, donation or exchange between scientists or scientific institutions, the names and addresses of the consignor and consignee must be on each package or container. The letters "CITES" (acronym for the Convention), a description such as "herbarium specimens," and the code letters assigned by the Service to the scientist or scientific institution, must be entered on the Customs declaration form affixed to each package or container.

(f) Duration of permits or certificates. The duration of permits or certificates issued under this section shall be designated on the face of the permit or certificate, but in no case will export permits be valid for longer than six months.

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